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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES' VISIT TO

QUAI BRIEFING

REF: PARIS 5310

1. SUMMARY: QUAI PROVIDED US UNUSUALLY DETAILED BREIF-
ING SUCCESSFUL SAUGAGNARGUES TRIP TO POLAND. MAIN
POINTS WERE PREPARATION GISCARD VISIT IN JUNE AND
DETERIORATING FRG-POLISH RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. LEQUERTIER, HEAD QUAI'S EASTERN EUROPEAN OFFICE, WHO
ACCOMPANIED FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES TO POLAND FEBRUARY 26-28,
GAVE EMBOFF FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF VISIT.

3. AS FRENCH HAD EXPECTED, VISIT WAS MARKED BY MORE
THAN USUAL DEGREE OF CORDIALITY AND WAS USED BY BOTH
SIDES TO STRESS "SPECIAL" CHARACTER FRENCH-POLISH RELA-
TIONSHIP. PROGRAM ITSELF FOLLOWED CLASSIC LINES, AND
INCLUDED CALLS ON GIERECK, ON CHAIRMAN STATE COUNCIL
JABLONSKI, CHAIRMAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS JAROSCEWSKI, AS
WELL AS WORKING SESSIONS WITH POLISH FONMIN OLSZOWSKI.

4. SUBSTANTIVELY, LEQUERTIER SAIS, DISCUSSIONS WERE
DOMINATED BY TWO ISSUES, THE PREPARATIONS FOR FRENCH
PRESIDENT GISCARD'S VISIT IN JUNE AND POLISH CONCERNS
OVER THE RECENT DETERIOATION IN POLISH-FRG RELATIONS.

5. GISCARD VISIT:

AS RESULT SAUVAGNARGUES' DISCUSSIONS, GISCARD'S
VISIT TO POLAND NOW SET FOR JUNE 17, ALTHOUGH THERE IS
STILL SOME DISPUTE OVER LENGTH OF VISIT. FRENCH WANTED
TWO DAYS, POLES FOUR - IN ORDER TO GIVE VISIT SPECIAL
EMPHASIS. POLES ALSO STILL INSISTING ON "OVERLY
AMBITIOUS, SOLEMN POLITICAL DELLARATION" WHICH, AS
LEQUERTIER PUT IT, FAVORS CERTAIN SOVIET PRETENTIONS.
FRENCH WANT SIMPLER, NON-POLEMICAL STATEMENT OR COMMU-
NIQUE. HOWEVER, BOTH SIDES SEEM AGREED THAT DURING
GISCARD'S VISIT, GISCARD WILL SIGN NEW FRENCH-POLISH
COAL AGREEMENT AND A FIVE-YEAR ECONOMIC AGREEMENT, BOTH
OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN INITIALED BY MINISTERS IN
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POLISH-FRENCH MIXED COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY, AS WELL
AS A "PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION" LISTING THE
50-SOME SPECIFIC JOINT ECONOMIC PROJECTS WHICH ARE CON-
TEMPLATED. TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND TO FINISH
WORK PROGRAM, A FRENCH PROTOCOL MISSION WILL VISIT
WARSAW IN MARCH, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A FRENCH POLITICAL
MISSION IN APRIL TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF THE COMMUNIQUE.

6. POLISH-GERMAN RELATIONS:

BOTH OLSZOWSKI AND GIERECK FORCEFULLY RAISED DETERIORATING POLISH-GERMAN RELATIONS. POLES SAID THAT UNLIKE BRANDT, FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WAS MORE INTERESTED IN WEST THAN OSTPOLITICK, AND WAS MUCH LESS SUPPLE IN HIS APPROACH TO EAST-WEST QUESTIONS. POLES THEN RECITED CATALOGUE OF CURRENT DIFFERENCES WITH BONN, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATING TO INDEMNIFICATION AND EMIGRATION, BUT DID NOT RAISE CREDIT ISSUE. POLES ALSO COMPLAINED OF "RIGID" FRG CSCE ATTITUDES ON PEACEFUL CHANGE OF FRONTIERS, TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIM THAT IDEA OF GERMAN REUNIFICATION IS STILL LURKING IN THE GERMAN SOUL. INTERESTINGLY, POLES SAID, THIS ALSO TRUE IN GDR, AND ONE OF

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REASONS WHY POLES ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO REINFORCE
THEIR TIES WITH PANKOW.

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7. AS EXPECTED (PARIS 5310) SAUVAGNARGUES LISTENED, BUT
DECLINED TO GET INVOLVED. HE TOLD POLES THAT THIS WAS
BILATERAL FRG-POLISH PROBLEM AND DID NOT ATTEMPT TO
EXPLAIN FRG POSITIONS. QUAI DELEGATION RETURNED WITH
IMPRESSION THAT HARD POLISH LINE VIS-A-VIS FRG REFLECTS
PARTLY POLISH ECONOMIC INTEREST IN DISCOURAGING EMIGRA-
TION, BUT IS ALSO TRADITIONAL USZEVF GERMAN QUESTION TO
MAINTAIN DOMESTIC DISCIPLINE IN PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY.

8. OTHER ISSUES: CSCE:

ON BALANCE, CSCE WAS NOT MAJOR SUBJECT OF VISIT.
POLES RECITED STANDARD SOVIET LINE URGING QUICK TERMINA-
TION OF PHASE 2, FOLLOWED BY SUMMIT. SAUVAGNARGUES
REPLIED THAT FRENCH HAD NOTED SOME CSCE PROGRESS TOWARD
END OF LAST YEAR, BUT THAT THINGS HAD SLOWED DOWN QUITE
A BIT SINCE JANUARY. FRENCH HOPED THAT A NEW SENSE OF
REASONABLENESS WILL SOON PRODUCE RESULTS. HOWEVER,
SAUVAGNARGUES ADVISED POLES TO BE "REALISTIC" ON CSCE
TIMING, SAYING THAT HE COULD NOT NOW VISUALIZE A FINAL
CSCE CONF3;3 "THIS SEMESTER." IF THERE WAS PROGRESS,
HE SAID, "THERE MAY BE ONE IN THE FALL." COMMENT: THIS
REFLECTS QUITE A CHANGE FROM FRENCH ENTHUSIASMS EARLIER
THIS YEAR.

9. INDO-CHINA:

POLES ALSO RAISED INDO-CHINA QUESTION, SUGGESTING
FIRST THAT MATTERS IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA COULD BE
SETTLED RAPIDLY. SAUVAGNARGUES DEMURRED, ARGUING THAT
WHATEVER EVOLVES IN CAMBODIA IN PARTICULAR WILL NOT
REPRESENT AN INDO-CHINA SETTLEMENT.

POLES THEN RAISED VIETNAM, REFERRING TO THEIR "CONCERNS" AS MEMBERS OF CONTROL COMMISSION. AFTER STANDARD PITCH ON SAIGON VIOLATIONS, POLES SAID THEY WERE ALSO "QUITE WORRIED" OVER CURRENT BEHAVIOR OF HANOI AND REFERRED OBLIQUELY TO NORTH VIETNAMESE INFILTRATION. POLES SAID "THEY WERE TRYING TO EXERCISE CALMING INFLUENCE" AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CONVERSATIONS AT

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CELLE ST. CLOUD AND CONTACTS BETWEEN AMERICANS AND HANOI COULD SOON BE RESUMED.

10. MINOR POINTS:

POLES ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN OVER DISTURBING THIRD WORLD AGITATION FOR UN CHARTER REFORM WHICH FRENCH DELEGATION SHARED. THEY ALLUDED TO MEDIOCRE RESULTS RECENT EC-COMECON CONTACTS, BUT REITERATED STANDARD COMECON POSITIONS. AND CONVERSATIONS TOUCHED ON CYPRUS AND NEAR EAST. NO NEW POINTS EMERGED.

11. FRENCH-POLISH ECONOMIC RELATIONS:

LASTLY, THERE WAS A LONG FORMAL RECITATION BY JABLONSKI OF PROPOSED LIST OF JOINT FRENCH-POLISH ECONOMIC PROJECTS. SINCE DETAILS OF ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS HAD ALREADY BEEN LARGELY SETTLED IN FRENCH-POLISH MIXED COMMISSION, ECONOMIC SUBJECTS TOOK UP FAIRLY SMALL PART OF TIME. FRENCH DID EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION OF RECENT GROWTH POLISH-FRENCH TRADE, BUT NOTED THAT IT WAS NOT KEEPING PACE PROPORTIONATELY WITH GROWTH OF POLISH TRADE WITH THE FRG, THE U.S. AND SOME OTHER COUNTRIES. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THIS TREND SHOULD GRADUALLY BE CHANGED.

12. CONCLUSION:

ALTHOUGH SOME DETAILS OF GISCARD VISIT REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED, FRENCH ARE ON BALANCE QUITE PLEASED WITH RESULTS SAUVAGNARGUES' WARSAW TRIP.

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